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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) joined the owners and employees at Morehouse Appliances, a local, fourth generation family-owned appliance store in New Hartford, to highlight the federal Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program. The Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program was created through the Recovery Bill (commonly referred to as the "Stimulus Bill") and is administered by NYSEERDA in New York State. Consumers can take advantage the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program up until Sunday, February 21st, 2010. When a consumer purchases an energy efficient refrigerator, washing machine, freezer or dishwasher, they are eligible for a cash rebate.

"I want to thank Morehouse Appliances and the Morehouse family for allowing me to join them today to talk about the success of the Appliance Rebate program," **Arcuri said.** "This Recovery Bill program benefits both local consumers and our local businesses by providing incentives for these key purchases. The program incentivizes the purchase of energy efficient appliances which is not only environmentally friendly but will also help lower the energy costs for home owners. I would encourage all those who are able to take part in this Recovery Bill program while they can."

To date, there is still over \$10 million in available funding for appliance rebates and consumers are encouraged to take advantage of this program while through Sunday, February 21st, 2010. Under the approved plan, consumers could receive rebates for purchasing eligible appliances individually or in a bundle. Appliances will qualify only if they have earned the ENERGY STAR label, meaning that they are up to 30 percent more efficient than standard models on the market. Consumers may receive a larger rebate by purchasing three eligible appliances that meet standards issued by the Consortium of Energy Efficiency (CEE) that are higher than ENERGY STAR standards.

Under the approved plan, customers purchasing appliances would qualify for a rebate of \$75 (\$105 with documented recycling) for ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators, \$75 (\$100 with documented recycling) for clothes washers and \$50 (\$75 with documented recycling) for freezers. Rebates are available for dishwashers when they are purchased as part of a three-appliance package (refrigerator, dishwasher, clothes washer), which may qualify for a \$500 rebate (\$555 with documented recycling).

Information regarding the Appliance Rebate program, including how much Recovery Bill funding remains for the rebate program, can be found at NYSERDA's web site dedicated to the program <http://www.nyapplianceswapout.com> . Any additional questions about the program can be directed to Arcuri's district office in Utica at 315-793-8146 or his Washington DC office at 202-225-3665 or by going to Arcuri's web site at arcuri.house.gov.

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